(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India Limited, Bombay has received a large number of proposals and offers of new ships and vessels of different tonnage and capacity from the shipyards based in West European countries including West Germany and Denmark;

(b) whether these shipyards have also offered a long term credits on low rates of interest to the SCI;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) how many proposals of such nature have been pending for consideration of the SCI and what steps being taken to finalise the proposals wherever found feasible to replace the ships of SCI and to bring back the company on sound economic footing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The credit terms offered include payment before delivery of 20% of the price and balance price through deferred credit/ loan, repayable in 8-15 years.

(d) No proposal is pending with the Shipping Corporation of India. The financial position of the Shipping Corporation of India is satisfactory and the company is having plans, in the normal way, to modernise its fleet by replacing old & obsolete tonnage by modern & fuel efficient ships.

Syllabus followed by Navodaya Vidyalayas

3616. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any syllabus is prescribed to be followed by the Navodaya Vidyalaya in the country;

(bb) if so, what are the names of the persons responsible for framing the syllabus, the concerned principals of the Vidyalayas or the Ministry;

(c) whether the model question papers for the admission test are available in the market;

(d) whether there are any prescribed text books to be followed by the students in Navodaya Vidyalayas; and

(e) if so, who are the suppliers of those text books?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All Navodaya Vidyalayas will be affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education. Accordingly, in secondary and higher secondary classes the syllabi prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education will apply to these schools. In lower classes the syllabi prepared by the National Council of Educational Research and Training will be followed. In the first two or three years when the regional language is the medium of instruction, local text books in that language are also used.

(c) No, Sir. However, sample items of the question papers for the admission test conducted by the National Council of Educational Research and Training are made available to the candidates alongwith the application form.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages provision of free text books to students in Navodaya Vidyalayas and accordingly Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti supplies these text-books after procuring the same from National Council of Educational Research and Training and State Boards of Secondary Education.

H.R.A. Paid to Employees

3617. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees in the Dehradun Section of Muradabad Division are getting House Rent Allowance at the rate of Rs. 40 per month instead of Rs. 70 per month, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that CPC circle employees of Dehradun Section are not being called to headquarter thereby depriving them of T.A. and D.A. and whether it has been decided which place will be their headquarter;

(c) whether it is a fact that CPC circle employees of PWI are taken as on duty even before the medical report is received in their cases; and

(d) if so, how many employees were sent for medical during the last six months and how many of them have been paid and by when the remaining employees would be paid the due amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCIENDIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

D.T.C. Bus Routes from Vasant Vihar

3618. DR. GOVIND DAS RICHHARIYA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the timings of the DTC bus routes available from Vasant Vihar Terminal alongwith their first and last trips and frequencies;

(b) the number of representations received during the last six months regarding D.T.C. bus services from Vasant Vihar terminal; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the frequency on the above routes or to introduce new routes from Vasant Vihar Terminal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The details are as under:—

Route No.	To	First trip	Last trip	Frequency
602	Morigate Trm. via N.D. Station . .	0500	2330	18/36 mint.
623	Nizamd. Rly. Stn. via AIMS, Lodi Colony .	0540	2123	23/46
640	Kend. Trm. via Chanakyapuri . . .	0630	2030	60/120
641	Bara Tooti via Willd. Cresent. . . .	0606	2118	36/72
660	Jantar Mantar via K.G. Marg. . . .	0606	2144	26/52
062	Night Service—I.S.B.T.	(1) 2330 (2) 0030		

(b) Six.

(c) Loading Surveys carried out from time to time revealed that the existing services are adequately meeting the transport requirement of the commuters of Vasant Vihar.

Confirmation of Primary Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

3619. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of teachers in Primary and